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Burundi**: draft resolution

United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 40/151 G of 16 December 1985, 41/60 D of 3 December 1986, 42/39 J of 30 November 1987 and 43/76 D of 7 December 1988 on the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa, and 46/36 F of 6 December 1991 and 47/52 G of 9 December 1992 on regional disarmament, including confidence-building measures,

Reaffirming its resolutions 48/76 E of 16 December 1993, 49/76 D of 15 December 1994 and 50/71 C of 12 December 1995 on the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa and United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean,

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** On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the African Group of States.

Mindful of the provisions of Article 11, paragraph 1, of the Charter of the United Nations stipulating that a function of the General Assembly is to consider the general principles of cooperation in the maintenance of international peace and security, including the principles governing disarmament and arms limitation,

Taking into account the guidelines for international arms transfers adopted by the Disarmament Commission at its 1996 substantive session, 1/

Welcoming the activities carried out by the regional centre, which have contributed substantially to understanding and cooperation among the African States and have thereby strengthened its role in the areas of peace, disarmament, security and development,

Bearing in mind the financial situation of the Centre as described by the Secretary-General in his report on the activities of the Regional Centre, 2/

Underlining, therefore, the need to provide the Centre with financial stability so as to facilitate the effective planning and implementation of its programmes of activities,

1. Expresses its gratitude to the Member States, international governmental and non-governmental organizations and foundations that have, so far, contributed to the trust fund of the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa;

2. Commends the activities carried out by the Regional Centre in identifying and broadening the understanding of pressing disarmament and security issues in the African region;

3. Reaffirms its support for the further operation and strengthening of the Centre, and encourages it to continue intensifying its efforts in promoting cooperation with subregional and regional organizations, as well as among the African States, in order to facilitate the development of effective measures of confidence-building, arms limitation and disarmament, with a view to promoting peace and security;

4. Appeals once again to Member States, mainly to African countries, as well as to international governmental and non-governmental organizations and foundations, to make regular and appropriate voluntary contributions, in order to revitalize the Centre, strengthen its programmes of activities and facilitate the effective implementation of such programmes;

5. Requests the Secretary-General, in the light of the current financial situation of the Centre, to intensify his efforts in exploring new ways and

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1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-first Session, Supplement No. 42 (A/51/42), annex I.

2/ A/51/403.

means of funding, and to continue providing all necessary support to the Regional Centre for better achievements and results;

6. Also requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the Director of the Centre is, as far as possible and within existing resources, locally based in order to revitalize the activities of the Centre;

7. Further requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session on the outcome of his efforts to seek new ways of funding, and on the implementation of the present resolution;

8. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-third session the item entitled "United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa and United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean".